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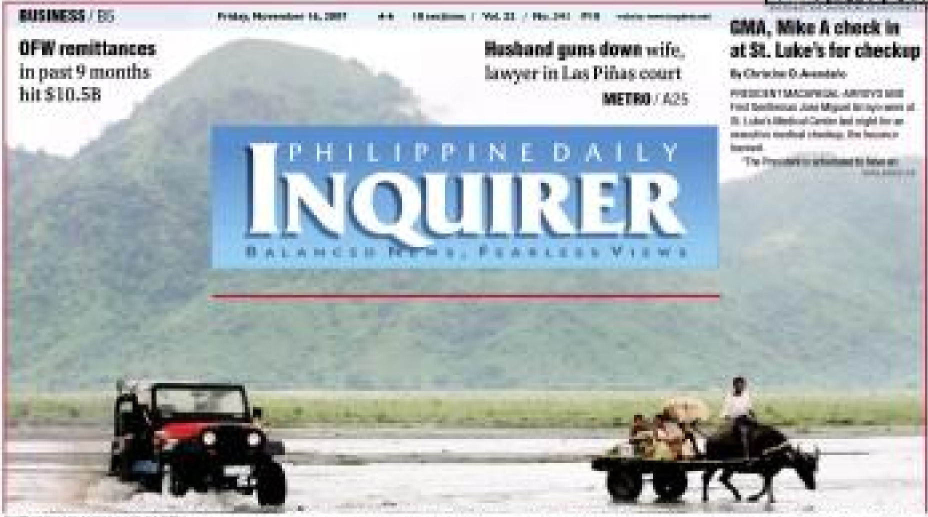
Husband guns down wife, lawyer in Las Piñas court

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GMA, Mike & check in at St. Luke's for checkup

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BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH

3 suspected Abus killed

PNP links 2 men, woman slain in Payatas to Batasan bombing

POLICE YESTERDAY SHOT dead three Abu Sayyaf suspects and arrested three others in a raid in Quezon City that yielded evidence purportedly showing the group was involved in the deadly Batasan bomb attack.



AN ABUNDANCE OF EVIDENCE

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SUPERLOTTO 6/49

Gov't, MILF agree on boundaries

KL deal defines borders of Muslim homeland in Mindanao

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA—THE PHILIPPINE government reached an agreement yesterday with the country's main Muslim separatist group on carving out boundaries for a Muslim homeland in conflict-ridden Mindanao.

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Another round



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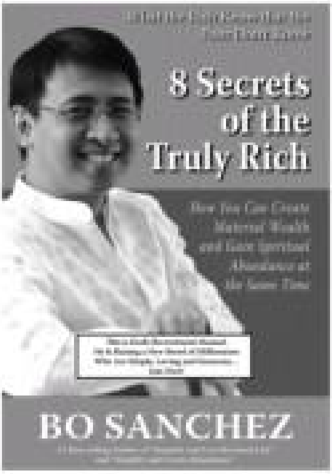
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Secrets Towards Financial Independence

By LEAH RECALADO NARIO



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PARTY-LIST STALWARTS Teddy Casiño of Bayan Muna and Luz Ilagan of Gabriela file a resolution to probe the scandalous cash distribution at the Palace in this file photo.

Enemies, bodyguards

All angles

No credibility

Murder

Explosive readily available

Mar Roxas poised to take over LP helm

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.



ROXAS

FORGET IMPEACHMENT

Focus on 2010, GMA foes told

By Norman Bordadora

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The screening and selection Committee formed by the President announces that it is accepting applications and nominations for the position of **Chairman, Commission on Elections (COMELEC).**

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Police assure diplomats they're safe here

By Cynthia D. Balana and Margaux C. Ortiz

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL Police has assured members of the diplomatic community in a briefing that the security situation was stable despite the explosion at the House of Representatives on Tuesday night.

Interviewed yesterday at the Department of Foreign Affairs after the briefing, Director Geary Barias, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office, said the diplomats had been assured that there was "no need to be concerned about security."

"There is really no reason for worry here. The PNP response has been adequate, and the investigation is continuing," Barias said.

Colin Crorkin, deputy head of mission of the British Embassy in Manila, said he was satisfied with the PNP briefing and relayed possible British assistance in the investigation.

Crorkin also expressed confidence that the police investigation would yield good results.

"They gave us the facts and told us what they were doing. I think they are perfectly capable of investigating the matter ... We have an update from the PNP and we will wait for (an) official statement," he said.

But the United Kingdom yesterday reissued its travel advisory on the Philippines with an amendment to the Summary and 'Terrorism' section (Explosion in Metro Manila).

The advisory said there was "a high threat from terrorism throughout the Philippines," and cited the latest explosion on Nov 13.

"Terrorist groups continue to plan attacks and have the capacity and the intent to carry out these attacks at any time and anywhere in the country. Attacks could be indiscriminate, including in places frequented by expatriates and foreign travelers," it said.



SPECIAL SECURITY. The PNP's elite Special Action Force takes over the security of the Batasang Pambansa. Here, every vehicle is thoroughly inspected before it is allowed into the complex.

Better security

Manuel Perez Ocho, charge d'affaires of the Embassy of Venezuela, said he believed that the Philippines had better security than other countries.

"Venezuela is one country that is against terrorism. That is a global problem. We support the Philippine government in its struggle against terrorism," he said, adding:

"I believe that the Filipino people live in peace, and I think that the Filipino people and all people in the world are against terrorism."

Asked whether the explosion was directed at a particular person, Barias said the evidence gathered by the PNP at the blast site would give investigators the best clue possible as far as motive was concerned.

"For example, the timing device, which was a cell phone, already indicated that there was a specific target. If it were an act of terrorism, the timing device could just have been left there," he said.

Barias pointed out that there were many security lapses at the House. He cited the first marker that had been set up in the Batasang Pambansa compound, saying security should have been doubled with the presence of outsiders in the area.

The first marker has been dismantled. (See story on Page A1.)

Barias also cited the lax screening of people coming in and out of the compound, including those on motorcycles.

Asked if there was a need to assure foreign embassies, he said he was satisfied with the security measures already in place.

Inside pages

The explosion at the Batasan compound appears not to have affected the Philippine tourism industry with reports of it landing in the inside pages of American, Korean, British and German newspapers, Tourism Undersecretary Eduardo Jarque Jr. told the Inquirer.

"We made personal calls all over the world shortly after the blast took place and our attachés gave us their feedback in the morning," Jarque said.

He said the foreign papers had reported the explosion as being personal in nature—an attack on a former-rebel-turned-congressman by members of the bandit group Abu Sayyaf—and not related to terrorism or political instability.

"Our office in the United Kingdom, in particular, said the slant of the news stories on the incident indicated that the bombing seemed to be a reprisal by the Abu Sayyaf against [Basilan Rep. Wahab] Akbar," Jarque said.

He said the reports basically indicated that there was "nothing to worry about."

Jarque also said nobody brought up the explosion during the ongoing world travel market, of which the Philippines is a participant, in London.

"It is the second biggest annual travel market in the world. We expected questions (regarding the bombing), but there were none," he said.

According to Jarque, the Department of Tourism is not expecting prospective visitors to cancel their trips to the Philippines as a result of the explosion.

He observed that except for a group of 15 tourists from Osaka, Japan, "there was no cancellation of trips shortly after the Glorietta 2 mall blast last month."

Carrying on

Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano said in an advisory that the bombing at the House "has been contained and does not reflect the situation in the Philippines as a whole."

"Travel to and from the Philippines will carry on and services for local and international guests remain in operation," he said.

Durano also said the DOT was coordinating with various travel and tour operators, such as the Philippine Travel Agencies Association, Philippine Tour Operators Association, and National Association of Independent Travel Agencies—to monitor the traffic of domestic and international visitors to major island destinations and to ensure the accurate flow of information.

He said the dearth of trip cancellations only proved that the Philippines remained an ideal travel destination.

"We expect to achieve our goal of bringing in more than three million guests this year," he added.

Travel to Mindanao

But the UK also advised against all travel to Mindanao, specifically citing Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and Sulu, particularly Jolo, where there are ongoing military and police operations against bandit groups.

It said that on Oct. 3, two bombs exploded in Kidapawan City, killing two people and injuring 30 others.

The advisory also noted the threat of kidnapping of foreign nationals throughout the Philippines, particularly on the islands and coastal areas of Mindanao.

It said the last kidnapping of foreigners took place in June.

"Kidnappings in other parts of the Philippines cannot be discounted, with boats travelling to and from offshore islands and dive sites as possible targets," it said.

Around 65,000 British tourists visit the Philippines every year.

Rains flood Metro streets, ground GMA

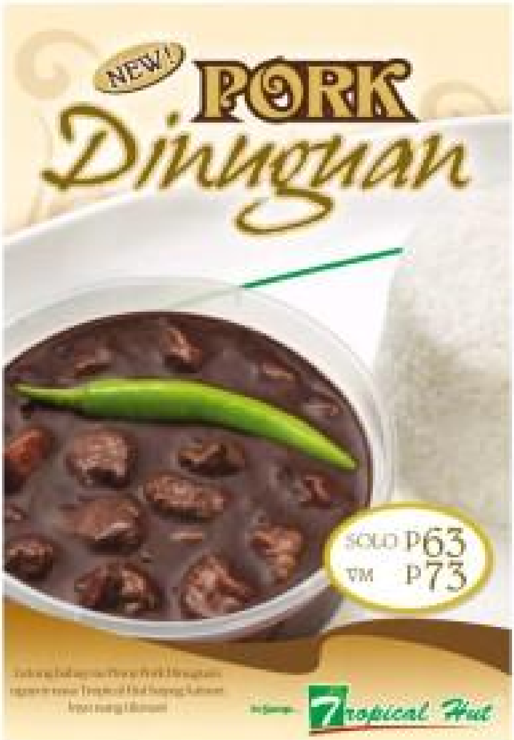
Viet exile sentenced for RP bomb plot

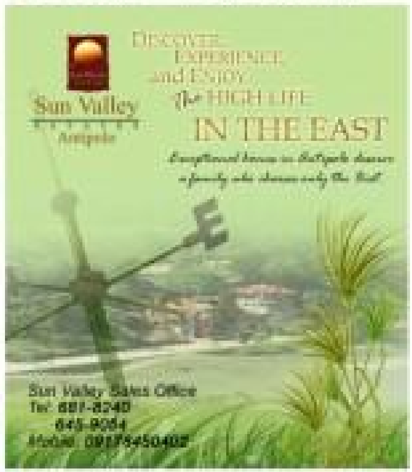
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Gov't increases rice prices in Bicol



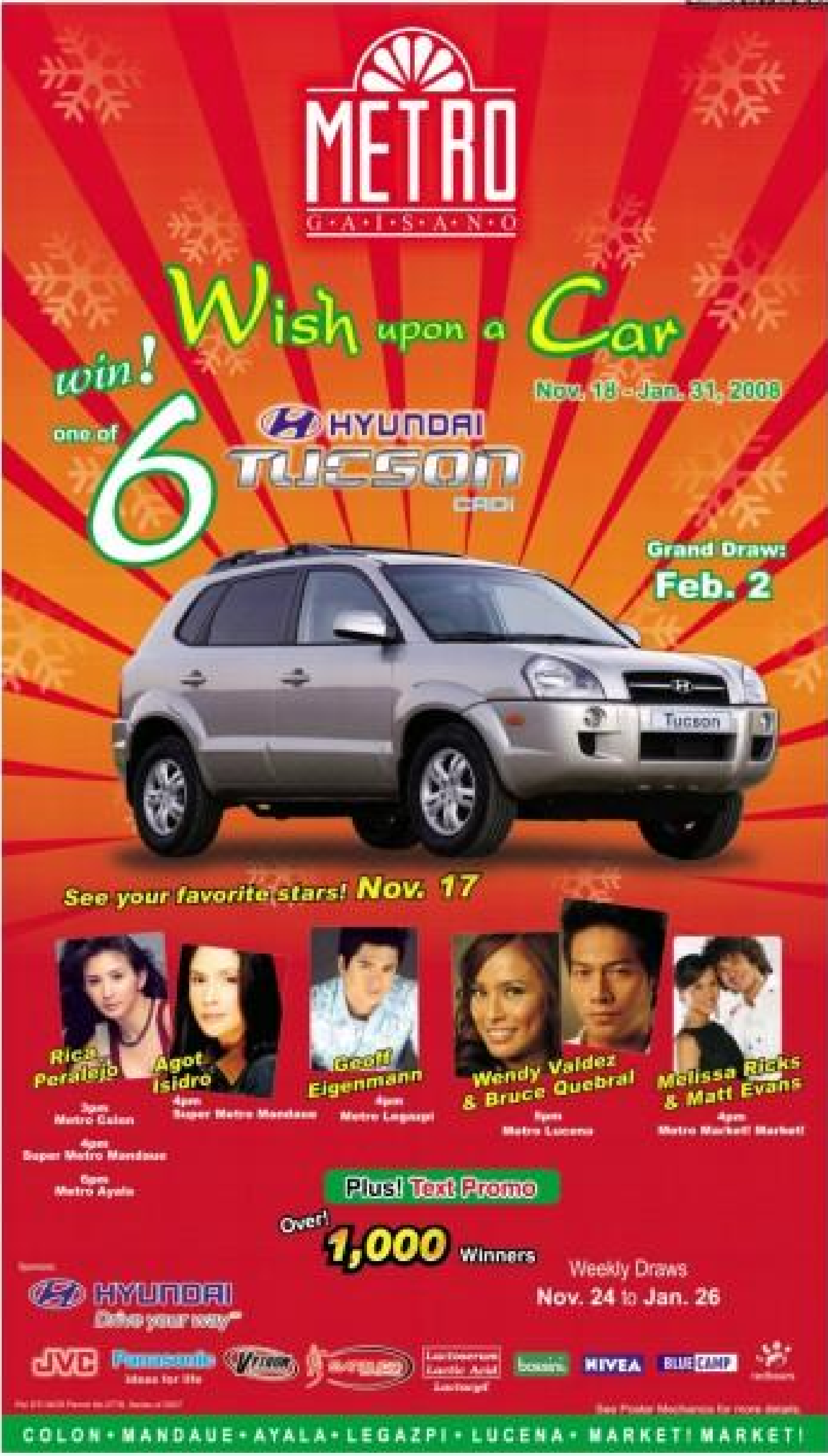
BASILAN SAYS GOODBYE

SORSOGON CITY—THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY has increased the prices of government rice being sold to the poor in Bicol shortly after prices of other basic products and services also increased.

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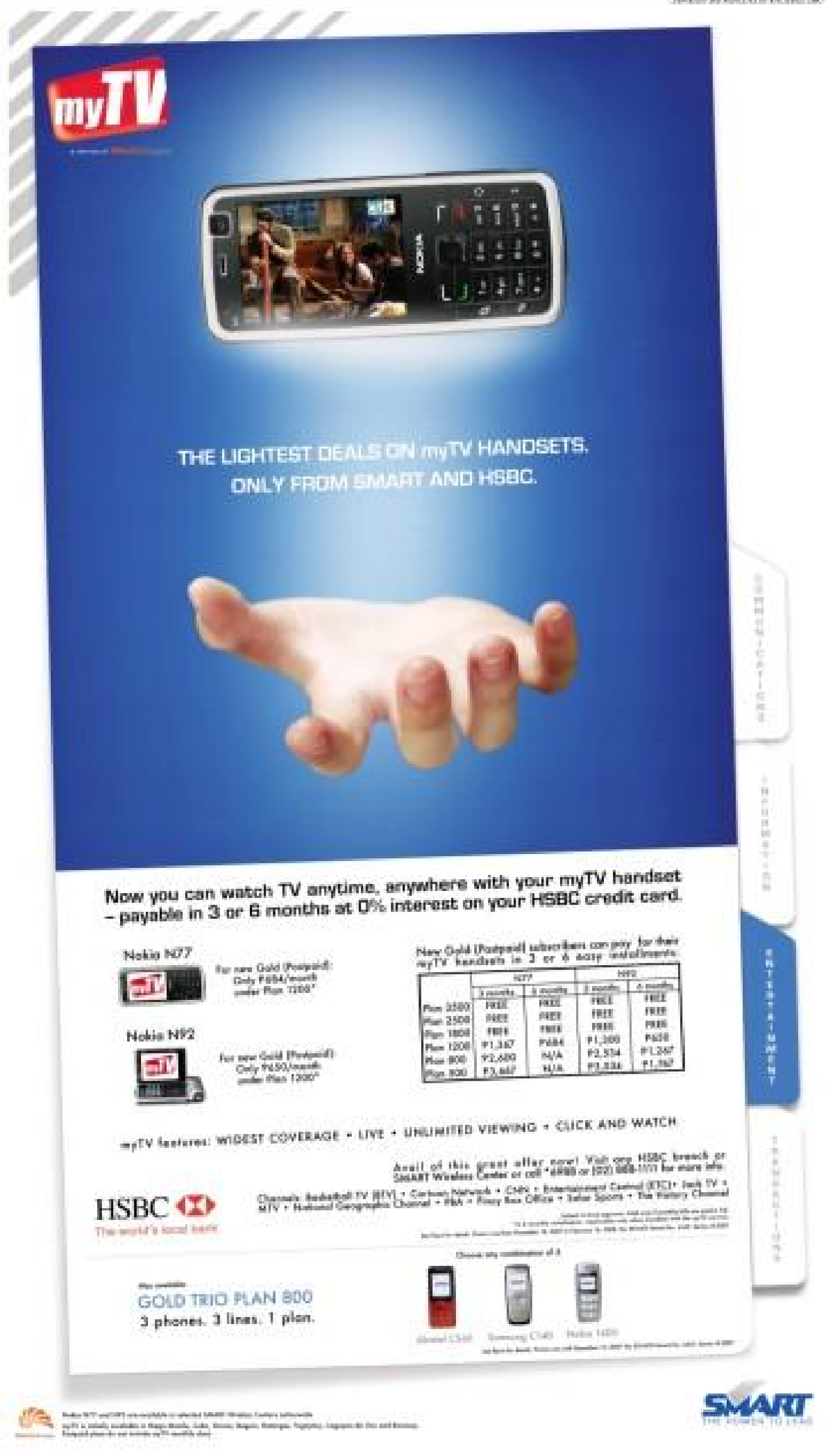
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By DJ Yap

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First cloned embryo from monkey created

Illegals in San Francisco may get IDs





The WORLD

Pakistan in limbo as Musharraf term ends

ISLAMABAD—MILITARY RULER PERVEZ MUSHARRAF's term as president officially ends Thursday at the same time as parliament dissolves, tipping emergency-ruled Pakistan into limbo.

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MUSHARRAF AFP

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Greenhouse gases rising faster than UN forecasts

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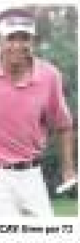
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Medics break ice; Road Kings up



Pucay, Thai share Viet Benz lead







Caguioa back to spark slumping Gin Kings today

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Lascuña 6 off Choi in HK Open



Castro gets juicy offer from Slingers

By Roy Luarca

RP 5 not taking it easy before SEAG

Baculi cautious despite sweep of Singapore tuneup matches

By Roy Luarca

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Molo Scoop session guest

'Bakbakan' finals get going

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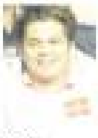
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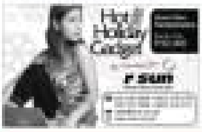


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BF Resort bets pace I-Village golf by 4 points

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WB raises RP growth forecast for '07

BSP cuts key policy rates

FOR THE THIRD time this year, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas yesterday slashed its benchmark interest rates by 25 basis points to historical lows, citing its benign inflation outlook and the favorable impact of the sharp peso appreciation.

The BSP's policy-making Monetary Board brought down its overnight borrowing rate to 5.5 percent and the overnight lending rate to 7.5 percent, BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. announced after the board meeting. These were the lowest levels since the independent central bank was established in 1993.

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Tetangco said...

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Country's GDP rise may be highest in SE Asia, bank says

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE WORLD BANK HAS upgraded its economic growth forecast on the Philippines for this year and the next, as the bank keeps an upbeat outlook for emerging East Asia—the world's fastest growing region.

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In race to control transmission grid, 4 groups are left standing

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Asean exports seen to take a beating

UBS: Expected slowdown in global economy could weigh on RP trade

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Splash stocks take a plunge

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

Communication, transport sectors post highest growth

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Raul J. Palabrica

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Selection process

FLI nets ₱1.3B in 1st 9 months

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

OFW remittances rose 12.4% to $1.1B in Sept.

9-month inflow hits $10.5B

By Doris C. Dumlao

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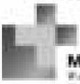


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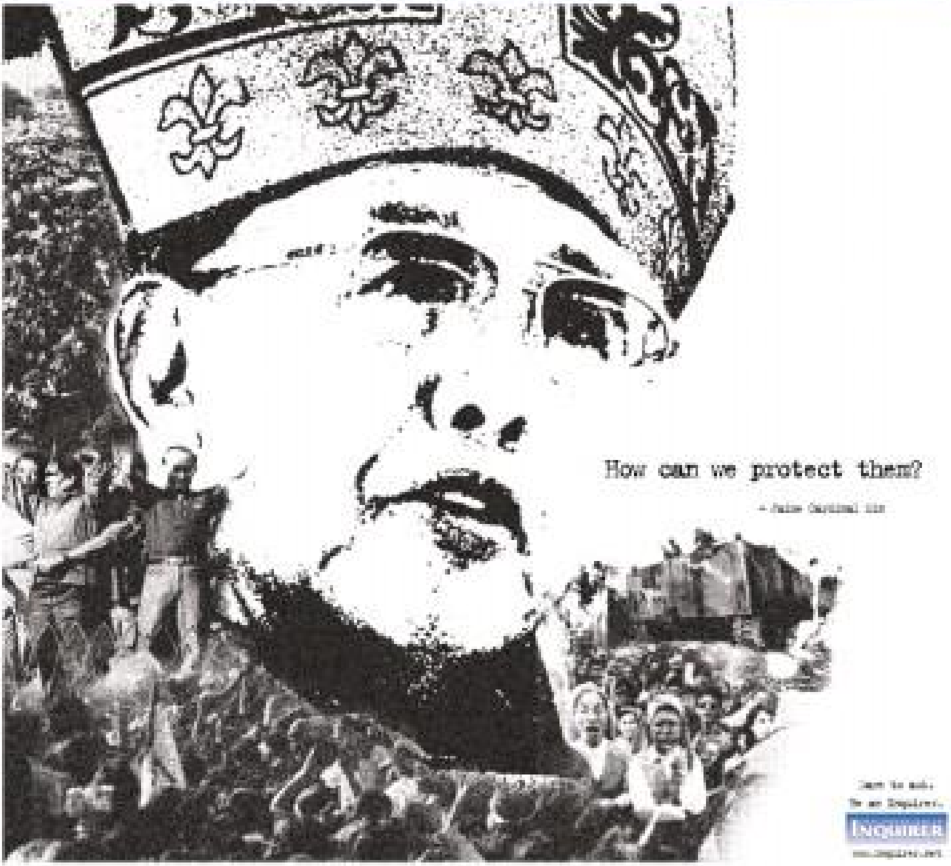
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Citigroup cites, awards winners of search for top entrepreneurs



By Doris C. Dumlao

A WOMAN WHO FLED HER war-torn hometown to become a successful duck raiser and a man who survived poverty and two vehicular mishaps to build an agricultural equipment manufacturing business topped this year's list of the Philippines' outstanding microentrepreneurs.

Most effective means

Pure tenacity



SHOES for the well-heeled

Hooked on online trading

3 technopreneurs say doing business in cyberspace is fun, practical and profitable



FLAT-out

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE KNOW IT, BUT A whole lot of trading is going on in cyberspace.



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Main benefit

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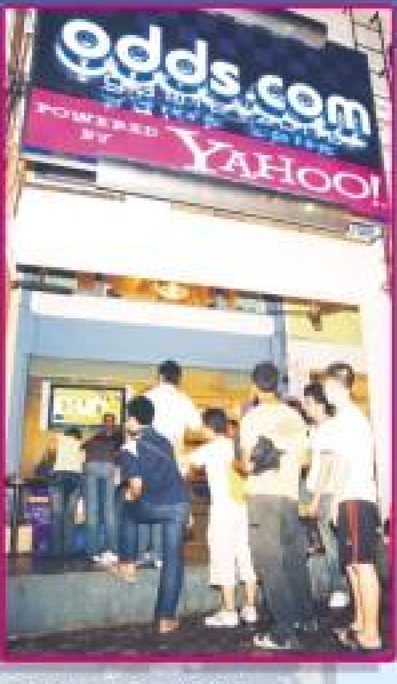
> 11 local Internet cafés undergo a makeover with the help of Yahoo! to enable more Filipinos to experience being 'wired'

IN ITS DESIRE TO serve the needs of Filipinos across the country, Yahoo! Philippines has launched a new Internet initiative that can provide support for people and their business.

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Help for students

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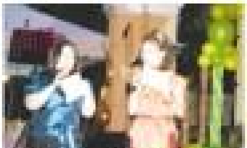
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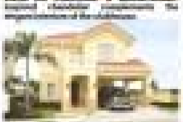
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OFWs' worth: $10-B market

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If you have a family member/s working abroad, here's what you get and can aspire for

Table 2

Exposure to media

Media	General Population	OFW Beneficiaries
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Radio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newspaper	[illegible]	[illegible]
VCD/DVD	[illegible]	[illegible]
Magazine	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cinema	[illegible]	[illegible]

Table 3

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BUSINESS Friday

Sari-sari stores saving village economies

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
Inquirer Northern Luzon

DAGUPAN CITY—THE UBIQUITOUS neighborhood sari-sari (variety) stores have saved many Filipino families from financial problems, as these have become the sources of steady cash to tide them over during difficult times.

The convenience stores, most of them open from dawn until late night, have contributed tremendously to the country's economy, according to Vice Mayor Belen Fernandez, president of City Supermarket Inc. (CSI). The homegrown company owns a chain of supermarkets in Pangasinan and other provinces.

Fernandez says earnings from a sari-sari store could help a family survive.

"For example, the husband is a driver and the wife is a housewife. The wife can tend a small store, earn an income and still take care of her family at home," she says.

CSI, she says, has been supporting small store owners because she believes these "sari-sari stores help keep the economy moving."

The supermarket chain recently sponsored a three-day sari-sari store and livelihood fair for owners of stores, canteens and restaurants where they were treated to low-priced commodities, freebies, business seminars, product exhibits, raffle draws and entertainment.

At least 80 companies joined the fair and displayed their products in makeshift sari-sari stores to entice participants.

Representatives from Nestlé Philippines, Procter & Gamble, Unilever Philippines and Colgate Palmolive Philippines conducted seminars on displaying items, attracting customers, making good profit, and on other aspects of the retail business.

Local industries were also featured in the fair through the help of the Department of Trade and Industry in Pangasinan.

Among the products showcased were Pangasinan's dried mango, dried fish of San Fabian, muscovado sugar of Binmaley, pastillas (sweets) of Lingayen, processed meat of Mangaldan, and native cakes of Dagupan City.

Returning patronage

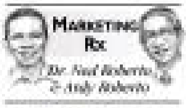
Fernandez says holding the fair is a way of returning the patronage that the family business has enjoyed through the years.

She has high hopes for small businesses because CSI "started from just a small grocery store in downtown Dagupan."

Her late father, Jimmy, a second-generation Chinese immigrant to the city, started City Grocery in the 1960s that offered household items at low prices.

"The fair is our way of thanking our customers, especially the small businessmen, who have been patronizing

Martin Roll on leadership and branding: What is the role of the CEO?



Leveraging Brand Equity



SM Supercenter goes to Muntinlupa

Sari-sari stores saving ...

Starting small

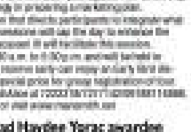
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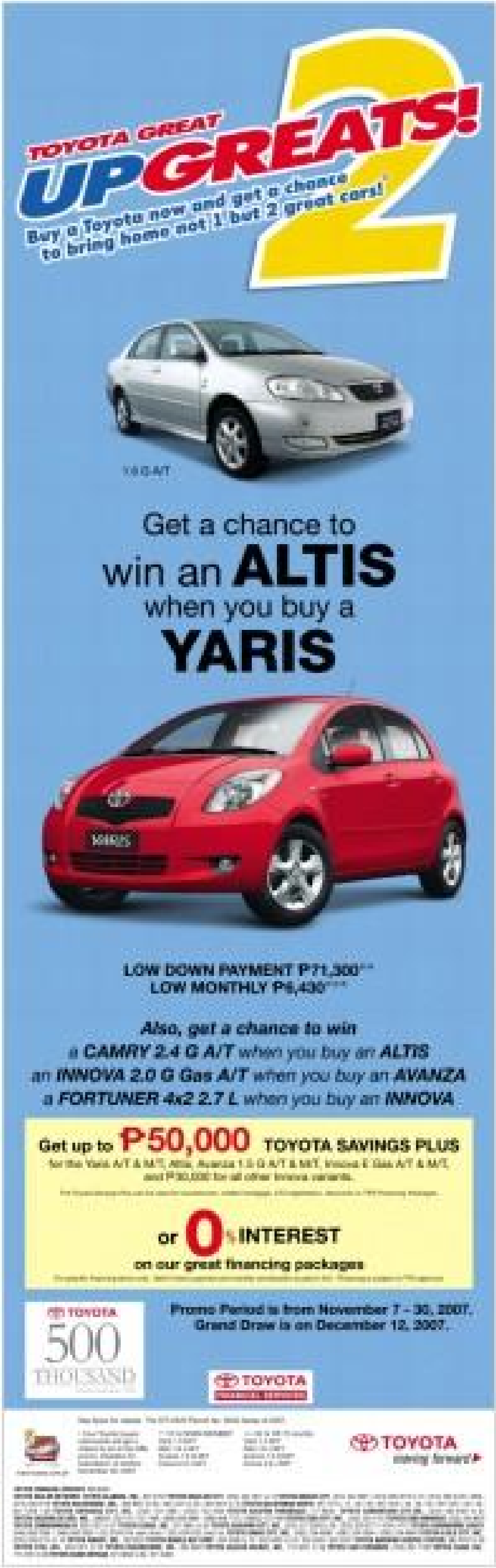


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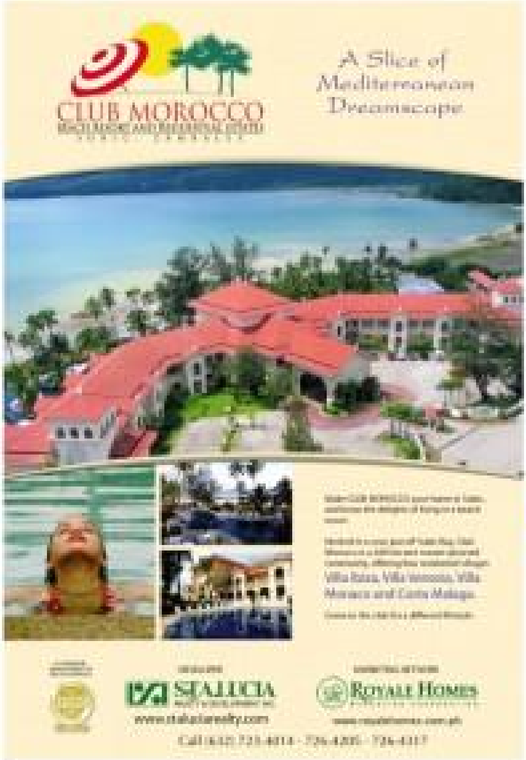
WHAT IS A PETROLEUM company doing by setting up shop in a small paradise island with a fragile ecosystem?

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PHILIPPINE MEDICAL TOURISM



A year of gains on Philippine Medical Tourism

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"St. Luke's is committed to continuously delivering excellent healthcare," says Mr. Jose G. Ledesma, President and CEO of St. Luke's Medical Center. "We constantly strive to exceed customer expectations."

BUSINESS *Friday*

Text2Teach education program expands to 500 more schools

How Text2Teach works

Results

Continuous development

Smart's mobile ad work bags int'l award

Ads on mobile phones are acceptable to most Filipinos, research says

Powerful medium

More winners



All threads bright and beautiful

BULGARI IN COLOR

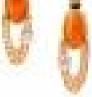
Bulgari introduces a spectacular array of colored gems through its new collection, Elisia. Now in Manila, the sophisticated, feminine line of jewelry makes use of the elliptical shape as its signature characteristic, combining contemporary creativity with traditional motifs.

Necklaces, rings and earrings comprise this colorful collection, with white gold or yellow gold serving as the setting for a great variety of colored stones, diamonds, enamel, coral and mother of pearl. The jewels' cabochon and faceted cuts create a soft, sinuous form which highlight each piece's chromatic effects and unusual proportions.

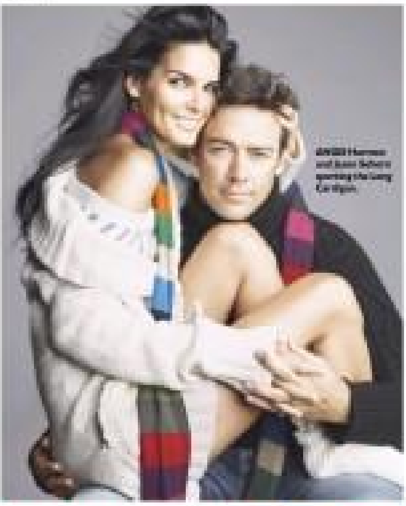
Elisia is perfect for the sophisticated woman who prefers to wear unique, timeless jewelry.

Elisia is available at Bulgari Boutiques, 6750 Shopping Arcade 8933188 and Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, 7384561.









ANGIE Harmon and Jason Behers sporting the Long Cardigan.



THE TRAPEZE Sweater and the Nate Guy Crazy Stripe Sweater





WELLINGTON Boots (above) and Rugby Stripe Gloves (below)



All threads bright and beautiful

CHEERS FILL IN THE GAP holiday 2007 collection. From cozy sweaters to party dresses, classic shirts to dressed up pants, versatile denim to fun accessories, Gap's holiday collection comes in bright shades of chartreuse, reindeer red, pink hibiscus and lilac glow, and comfy textures like knit, fleece, leather, nylon and cotton.

The must-have Crazy Stripe sweater injects a festive quality into one's basic holiday wardrobe. Stock up on quintessential basics like the women's cowlneck sweater and cable-knit sweater and men's fisherman turtleneck in everyday neutrals like black, grey and cream. For better protection from an outdoor breeze, wrap yourself in Gap's wool coat, velvet jacket or a heavier-duty puffer jacket.

Women will love Gap's evening jersey dresses featuring pleated details, empire waists and satin ties. Complete the look with sparkly ballet flats or sequined sandals and a glimmering, metallic clutch. Or opt for casual elegance with a selection of woven tops with modern details like a quarter of button sleeve paired with straight-leg trousers or skinny cropped pants.

The men's collection offers the quintessential oxford, french or plaid shirt in smooth finishes like cotton chambray and cotton sateen. These versatile tops go perfectly with jeans or dress pants and chinos and can go from a daytime party to a nighttime event.

Also, you can't go wrong with Gap's favorite Tee, women's Fresh Cult Shirt, the men's Plaid [illegible] as well as the essential Pique Polo—all update with colorful stripes.

The women's Long and Lean or Boyfriend jeans and the men's Standard Fit and Easy Fit jeans are denim staples. Edgy styles like the women's 1969 Skinny [illegible] or High Rise jeans and the men's [illegible] Slim jeans provide a modern feel. Gap denim comes in a variety of shades like indigo, '70s blue, faux black and silver [illegible] as well as finish [illegible] like classic vintage and [illegible].

Complete your holiday style with Gap's accessories! Add comfy warm [illegible]

A very Vuitton Christmas

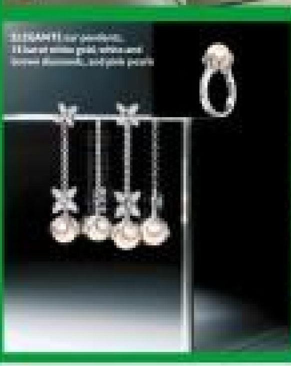


TRIVI bag in Damier

FROM leather goods and shoes to accessories and sunglasses, from timepieces to jewellery, Louis Vuitton presents a selection of Christmas gift ideas drawn from both its latest creations and its iconic products. In the Philippines, Louis Vuitton is located at the ground floor of Greenbelt 4, Makati Avenue, Makati City. Call 888-9400.



MARILYN bag in Monogram multicolore canvas



ELEGANTE ear pendants, 18 kt white gold, white and brown diamonds, and pink pearls

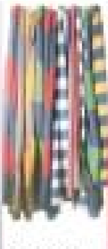


AGENDA [illegible] Monogram Denim [illegible]



TAMBOUR Bijoux watch, diamonds, satin strap







THE CASHMERE V and The Fringe Crazy Stripe Scarf (left); Cropped Peacoat (right) and the Rugby Stripe Scarf (above)



THE CRAZY Stripe Dress



THE CRAZY Stripe Crochet Gloves Scarf and Hat

[illegible] gloves and hats in soft textures like fleece, faux fur and wool. Top your outfit with a burst of energetic hues via the Crazy Stripe scarf. Finally, rainy days need not dampen your spirits with your Crazy Stripe Umbrella and Crazy Stripe Buckle Wellie Boot.

In the Philippines, Gap is exclusively distributed by Casual Clothing Specialists Inc. (CCSI), member of the Rustan's Group of Companies and is available at Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, [illegible], [illegible] at Tri-Noma.

I-EXPRESS MO SA MUNTINLUPA!

The 30th SM Supermall Opens Today in Muntinlupa

Muntinlupa, one of the country's fastest growing cities welcomes another premier establishment that will surely bring **express delight** to everyone in the area... ***SM Supercenter Muntinlupa!*** Now, everyone can enjoy **express shopping** with an array of local and international apparel brands, shoes, accessories, specialty shops and more! Moms will also have **express grocery** time with SM Hypermarket's complete line of wet and dry goods. Families and friends alike will definitely have great bonding moments at the different restaurants and fast food chains at SM Supercenter Muntinlupa. What's more, customers get **express dessert** for every P100 single purchase at the SM Supercenter Muntinlupa Foodcourt from November 16-30, 2007!

As if all these weren't enough, SM Supercenter Muntinlupa also offers **express entertainment** with its cinemas and other leisure establishments.

You can also get express treats with exciting shows from top celebrities! Catch ***PBB Season 2 Housemates***, ***Dennis Trillo*** and the ***Freestyle Band*** on November 16, ***Dingdong Dantes***, ***Jed Madela*** and ***Ronnie Liang***, ***Yasmien Kurdi*** and the cast of ***Pasukob Movie Tour*** on November 17. Watch out for ***Sam Milby*** and ***Jennylyn Mercado*** on November 18.

Nestled along Manila South Road in Barangay Tunasan, SM Supercenter Muntinlupa can be easily visited with **express access** via the Susana Heights Exit for those coming from the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX), Manila South Road and Alabang Zapote Road with the Alabang Interchange serving as a link and primary transit point.

So come and visit SM Supercenter Muntinlupa for **express fun** and **excitement!**



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LIFESTYLE

Roman grandeur

Bulgari's latest gem collection derives strong influence from the ancient empire's glorious architecture



THIS 18K yellow gold double-row necklace with sapphires, emeralds and diamonds is one of the star pieces of the new Elisia collection.



WHITE GOLD long pendant earrings with blue and pink sapphires, emerald beads and diamonds

By Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Jim Gaius Pomeran

WHEN A WOMAN DROPS P4 million for a piece of jewelry, the jeweler must make sure she won't bump into another woman wearing the same bling or there'll be, well, more than P4 million to pay.

Mario Katigbak, country manager of Bulgari, has always made sure no such unfortunate event ever happens on his watch. Only a single item of the jewelry brand's highest-end pieces gets sold at the Bulgari boutique in Greenbelt 4, Makati.

"That's our deal with Bulgari clients. If the [top-of-the-line] item is sold, we don't order again. If you want it, you have to buy it abroad," Katigbak said at the exclusive preview of Elisia, the latest collection from the Italian jewelry house.

Such was the case when the Elisia collection was launched last night at Makati Shangri-La: the loyal client was assured her P4-million purchase—the price tag for each of the key items—was one of a kind, or at least hereabouts.

Elliptical forms and colored stones characterize the new collection, a throwback to Bulgari's favored shape that be-

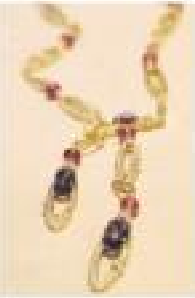
ROMAN D3



MARIO Katigbak, Bulgari country manager



18K yellow gold necklace with one row pendant of sapphires, emerald beads and pavé diamonds



YELLOW GOLD double pendant necklace with amethyst, rubellite and diamonds



YELLOW GOLD bib necklace with sapphires, emeralds and diamonds



WHITE GOLD long pendant earrings with peridot, blue topaz and diamonds



YELLOW GOLD necklace with peridot, orange coral and diamonds



YELLOW GOLD necklace with pink tourmaline, aqua coral and pavé diamonds pendant

Roman grandeur

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came popular in the 1970s.

Roman architecture is a strong influence in the Bulgari design. Elisir's rounded motif is said to mimic the Circus Maximus, constructed by the Palatine [illegible]. This pattern has been revisited several times in the past, according to Kangleh, but the current collection is distinctly modern as the pieces assume a sleeker form.

"Bulgari was known for bold and chunkier pieces," Kangleh noted as he showed images from a Bulgari coffee-table book, with Hollywood icons wearing some heart-stopping jewelry sets. "But we've become modern. Some of these you can wear every day," he added, noting a necklace with an enameled pendant set with a semi-precious stone.

The contemporary look is also meant at attracting a younger clientele, said Jessica Tesko, Bulgari's marketing supervisor. "We're getting buyers in their 20s, and they pay for the purchase themselves."

Some of Elisir's quirkier pieces include a pair of earrings with mismatched stones: a blue sapphire on one, and a pink sapphire on the other.

The collection is available both in 18k yellow gold and white gold. The pieces are set with white diamonds, combined with multicolored precious and semiprecious stones like sapphires, emeralds, amethyst, aqua, onyx, citrine, calcite, peridot.

"This isn't a new thing that we're adopting," Kangleh said. "Bulgari has been using semiprecious stones for a long time."

For the Philippine market, 22 designs will be available from the collection, with prices ranging from P[illegible] to P1 million.

Children's dreams inspire new jewelry collection



ENTWINED Bangle

JEWELRY ARTIST [illegible] DEE OPENS today her latest exhibit, "[illegible]," at [illegible] Gallery in Serendra, Fort Bonifacio Global City.

The show, which ends Nov. 26, is for the benefit of the children of [illegible].

It will feature jewelry pieces inspired by drawings done by children in [illegible] Children's Village in [illegible].

The children were rescued from abusive homes and provided shelter by ABS-CBN Foundation Inc.

Dee said she was inspired by the "hope in the history from children's eyes" when she asked them to draw their dreams. She said she was particularly moved by the children's thoughts and innocence.

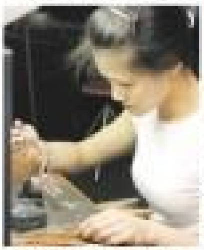
"[Many] of them drew houses. I guess they are all dreaming of happy homes," Dee said.

The designs constitute Dee's new "Dream" collection. One of the pieces in the collection is the Cherry Blue bangle. The white and yellow gold piece has rectangular blocks resembling windows and doors.

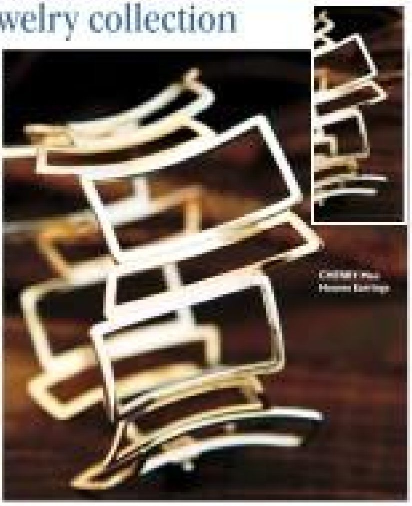
Also featured in the exhibit are Dee's latest designs for her signature "Seam," "Daisy," "Entwined" and "[illegible]" series.



DAISY Bangle



ROUTINE Dee in her studio making each piece by hand



CHERRY Blue Mosaic Earrings

Dee has a Master's Degree in Industrial Design from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, where she also studied jewelry-making.

She had her first solo jewelry exhibit, "Metals in Motion," in 2003. It featured moveable gem stones like pearls and crystals set in silver and gold with functional geometric designs.

The artist said her jewelry combined industrial design and jewelry making principles.

"I pay special attention to the function, form, aesthetics and production details of every piece I design... I also put great importance to proportion, clever connections, tension and movement."

Dee's handmade jewelry pieces are made of white, yellow and rose gold. (Tel. [illegible])

Stylishly versatile



MEG USHERS IN THE HOLIDAY season with a collection of stylishly versatile pieces to suit a chic woman's wardrobe. Staying true to the brand's sophisticated take on Orient-influenced designs, Meg modernizes basic pieces and introduces a well-imagined assortment of jackets, blouses, skirts and dresses.

Basic pieces that include cotton short-sleeve button-down shirts are updated with a vibrant palette of color and quirky prints. Smart casual tops, on the other hand, are fabricated in high gloss cotton and finished with feminine details such as colorful bows, puffed sleeves and ruches.

Conservative skirts are played up with whimsical patterns such as butterfly prints, florals and, for the more corporate kind, narrow pinstripes. Silhouettes are also on trend. Pencil skirts and A-lines dominate the collection while fabrics are kept very practical with wools and cottons.

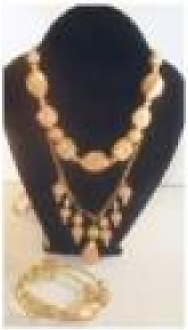
Jackets also get a delightful twist. Cut short on the sleeves and detailed by mandarin collars, rich brown and teal velvet zip-up jackets make for a smart yet chic layer. Moreover, basic pinstriped blazers get an Asian-inspired makeover with loose sleeves reminiscent of the Japanese kimono.

Finally, Meg introduces a varied range of smock dresses. These chic dresses are fabricated in pique and linen mixed cottons and dipped in whites, corals, pastels and jewel tones.

Meg stores are at Alabang Town Center, Glorietta 1, Greenhills Theater Mall, Landmark, Market! Market!, Robinson's Galleria, Robinson's Place Manila, SM Southmall, SM San Lazaro, SM Dasmariñas, Eastwood City, Trinoma, and TriNoma. For information e-mail info@megclothing.com or visit the Meg website at www.megclothing.com







Up for beading

PORTIA HUBBINE LUSTRISO presents what she calls her Fancy-Fun Collection of bead jewelry at the Urban Bazaar today from 12 noon to 9 p.m. and on Nov. 17 and 18, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Rockwell Tent.

Gift certificates for her beading and packaging classes at the House of Ec... are available for giving this Christmas.

On Dec. 1 and 2, Portia will be at Rockwell's technology area to tickle your imagination with her creative holiday gift-packaging. She will be joined by some of her students.

On Dec. 8 and 9, she will feature some of her beading students together with a few of her students' creative beadwork as a preview of her forthcoming workshops.











BLOSSOM





Comfort for the sole



LifeStyle





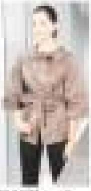
THE LITTLE black dress updated with beadwork

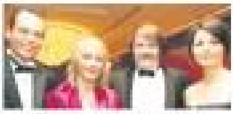


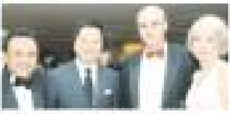
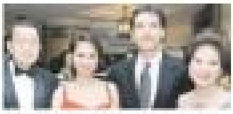
BLUE halter top with black sleeves and black pants

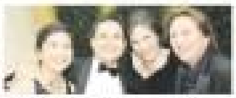


Sparkling finds






One great ball that really got the ball rolling



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Without Batting an Eyelash

Maurice Arcache



Photos by Alex Van Hagen using Kodak EasyShare

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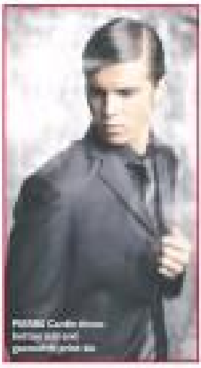
Fabulous fit



Holiday luxe







Lavish Lacroix turns fashion curator

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Iconic stripes

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LIFESTYLE



Special delivery



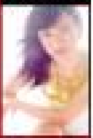


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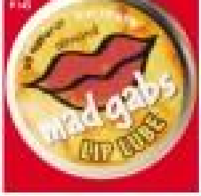


Practical gift ideas

You don't have to give super-pricey presents



CHRISTMAS IS AROUND the corner and I have a Christmas list so long that consists of loved ones, friends, godchildren, officemates, plus my husband's friends and officemates.



Products on top of Christmas wish list



MAKEOVER 911





Scent gifts

Kiehl's



LEWIS and Pearl Colognes



An alluring perfume



DIAMONDS For Ever Kit

Dazzling presents





Practical gift ideas







AQUA Essential Eyes Kit

Shimmers and scents to order



ARMAND Dupree Eau de Cologne and cosmetic collection from Fuller Life Direct Selling

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Dandy hairstyling solutions

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THE DOODY Styling Solutions Collection



It's raining sexy men

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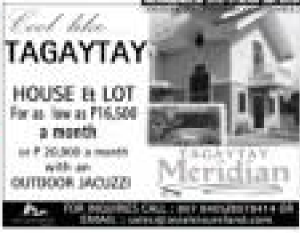


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LIFESTYLE

The Belo Medical Group offers a number of relatively painless beauty procedures with very little or no downtime





BEFORE



AFTER TWO sessions

A younger-looking you for the Yuletide

By Alex Y. Vergara

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ways to give your face some lift before the holiday season rolls in? You don't have to postpone it for next year for fear of looking like Frankenstein's bride during the Yuletide ball.

The Belo Medical Group, under the capable hands of Dr. [illegible], one of the company's senior associates, offers a number of relatively painless beauty procedures with very little or no downtime.

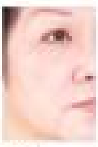
Demand for BMG's so-called lunchtime procedures (treatments done in an hour or so, even less) such as Fraxel, Thermage, [illegible] and [illegible] continues to increase since they work for a good number of beauty junkies, who can now fit them in to their crazy schedules.

And unlike traditional, more costly and often painful surgical facelifts, which result in telltale wounds and prolonged swelling, there's no need to hide in a cave for weeks on end after undergoing any of these treatments.

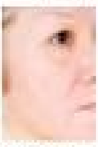
"You will know that they work once people start noticing and complimenting you on how bright and rested you look," says [illegible], who also does similar invasive procedures like botox, [illegible] and Aptos Thread (also known as the "feather lift").

Of course, the results may not be as dramatic compared to facelifts done under the knife. And except for Thermage, these are [illegible] of one-hour, non-invasive procedures

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AFTER two sessions



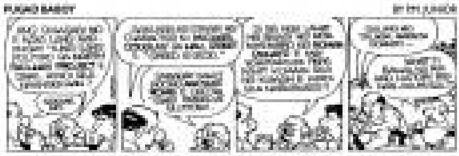




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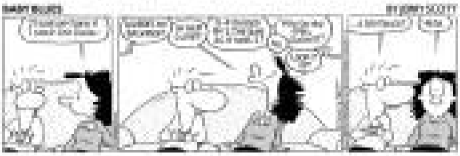
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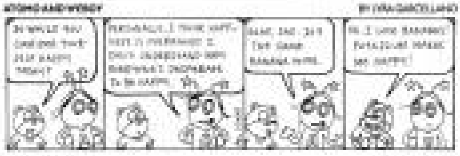
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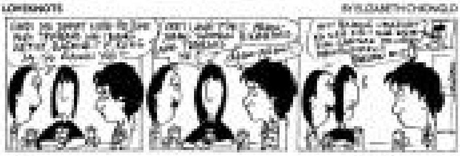
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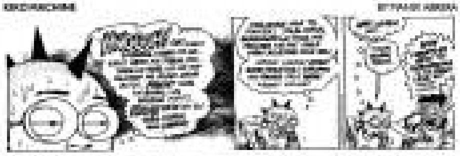
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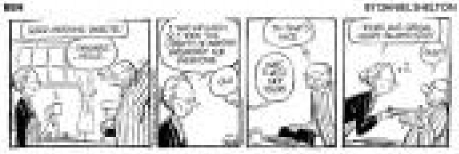
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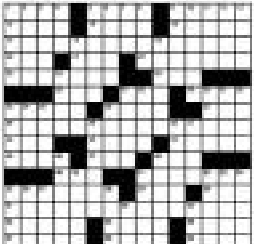
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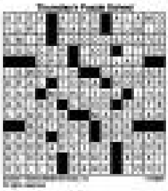


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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle





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GOINGS ON

A younger-looking you for...

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Immediate results

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BEFORE



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Collagen stimulation

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First impressions



PINK chiffon top with ruffles by Topshop, white denims by Warehouse.

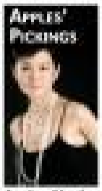


Style and substance



Allow me to share some simple ways—little reminders and tips—on how to improve one's self

Apples' Pickings



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

Let's get physical

Attention!

Mental foreplay

Moderation is key









Patching things up

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WIDE-NECK cap-sleeve sweater, [illegible] leather jacket [illegible], gold chain necklace and yellow bag with patent trim



GOLD puff-sleeve top with sequins, [illegible] miniskirt, gold charm necklace and bronze metallic kid leather bag



STEEL wide-neck cap-sleeve sweater, powder [illegible] skirt with pleats and purple [illegible] bag

Don't call me baby!

JESSICA'S NEW COLLECTION TAKES inspiration from 1960s London. The palette is neutral, accented with soft pinks and blues. Reflective surfaces are given importance with such fabrications as metallic chiffon, silk dupioni, georgette twill, cotton stretch and lurex-speckled jacquard. Powder, steel and rosebud colors are anchored to black.

The silhouette is structured and fuller, with updated styles of suitings that offer lots of shorter jacket and skirt or dress combinations.

Accentuated waists come with plenty of layering such as flared miniskirts or bubble skirts over skinny leggings. Jackets have large rounded collars and are cut away from the body in baby doll, A-line or swing shapes for more relaxed dressing.

Lots of chain, charm and medallion accessories complement the look, reminiscent of a younger Chanel.

Soft hand lamb leather with slight distressed treatment offers lots of flared cuff and ruffles. The cashmere corner provides classic knits with a soft hand quality that are following the season's trend for longer lengths. Accents are on the midsection with either fitted ribbed waistlines or belted.

A second line based on Swinging London uses luxurious fabrications such as metallic geometric devoré, metallic jacquard, boucle woven and metallic floral jacquard. The palette offers a sophisticated mix of [illegible] powders, minerals and gold metallic combinations.

Shapes are again cut away from the body with pleats to create volume in short crop jackets, short skirts and dresses. Metallic or reflective details are incorporated into every outfit, either through the fabric, or through trims and accessories such as chain necklaces and belts.

Jessica is exclusively distributed by Stores Specialists, Inc. and is available at Shangri-La Plaza Mall, The Podium and Rustan's Makati.



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SILVER [illegible]

full metallic jackets full metallic jackets full metallic jackets full metallic



POWDER long-sleeve sweater with belt, [illegible] double-breasted crop-sleeve jacket, black [illegible] pants and yellow bag with patent trim



YELLOW [illegible] high-neck long-sleeve sweater, powder zip-front long-sleeve jacket, powder [illegible] with belt and black patent leather bag



POWDER [illegible] dress, powder crop-sleeve cardigan, gold necklace with [illegible], gold charm necklace and dark brown [illegible] gloves



GOLD crew-neck dress, gold long-sleeve cardigan, gold charm necklace and gold [illegible] metallic bag

Nattily nautical

THE NAUTICAL LOOK DEFINES Dockers San Francisco's Fall/Holiday 2007 collection.

Dockers Khakis, the line inspired by classic American casual wear of the '50s and '60s, leads the maritime inspiration with nautical stripes and motifs of an anchor, compass and nautical graphics. The look is either preppy with shirt or regular fit twill or corduroy pants and cricket tops, or stylishly rugged with solid knit in utility khakis or dark denim pants and rugged jackets layered over T-shirts. Core colors are navy, midnight, khaki, gray with a splash of warm tones such as orange and red.

The Dockers Mobile line is designed to provide ease and comfort with its offering of long sleeve cotton and corduroy shirts, T-shirts, bamboo-fleece jackets, cargo pants and traveling pants. These items are reversible, detachable, lightweight, and have moisture control, temperature management, water repellency and wrinkle-resistant properties.

Dockers' San Francisco wear includes the brand's Brown Iron cotton shirt and pants and water- and oil-repellent pants. The shirts have herringbone patterning, pinpoint oxford, stripes, yarn dyed dobby stripes and plain weave stripes. These are matched with pants that come in slim and regular flat-front and pleated cuts. Trimming and details come in blue hues, complemented by a mix of purple velvet, rose, taupe, white and navy.

The new season also features graphic T-shirts with the theme "Feeling in fall" and "Love and Haight," highlighting Haight-Ashbury, the district known as the center of the 1960s hippie movement, as well as prints of popular San Francisco hangouts.



Seaside style
Navy jacket and khaki pants, plus a great tee, make for a classic look.



Stripes are always right when paired with flat-front khaki pants.

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LIFESTYLE

KC brightens up holiday collection



HOLIDAY collection

THE PAPARAZZI were in a frenzy as the city's stylistas gathered to witness kik KC Concepcion in the latest collection of Bayo.

The fresh-faced star [illegible] the crowd in Shangri-La Mall the instant she arrived. Within seconds, she was mobbed.

It is not hard to see why

KC [illegible]



KC CONCEPCION in Bayo



SEXY siren



PAPARAZZI [illegible]



WAVE to go!



FULL support. With Sen. Francis Pangilinan, Megastar Sharon Cuneta, and sisters [illegible]

KC brightens up holiday collection

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she is a [illegible]. KC exudes grace, beauty and warmth. She is the poster child for style and substance — the piece de resistance of Bayo's holiday collection.

The dynamic brand has gotten a facelift with its fresh new store look, giving clients a global shopping experience. The holiday collection mixed classic and modern pieces, adapted to the changing style preferences of the young women of today.

The Seventies, a [illegible] look that captures the free and fun-loving spirit of the '70s overlaid with bold, confident colors and details.

Bright tops and bottoms were showcased along with basic grays and navy shades. A lot of layering, statement tees, [illegible], and colorful short shorts and skinny capris were [illegible] of the young.

Trendy tops had bows, pleated and ruffled frills to add whimsy to [illegible]. Florals also updated the collection, creating a softer [illegible] volume.

Present was proud Megastar mother Sharon Cuneta, Sen. Francis Pangilinan, sisters Frankie and Miel and manager Sandra Chavez. Now that's what we call a Filipino and proud family. [illegible]

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Fit for first class



CARMINA Villaroel in Ensembles by Jason Reyes

Ensembles' holiday collection is inspired by the art and romance of travel

By Jenni Epperson

'TIS THE SEASON TO be merry!

The holidays are always the perfect excuse to break out of the day-to-day norm. Whether it's hitting the mall for some last-minute shopping, or skipping town for some yearned revel-ing, the Christmas spirit is too powerful a force to resist.

It's also the best excuse to unleash those Chanels you've been saving for the perfect occasion. If there's any "beautiful night"

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Tourist attraction

Fit for first class



Five-star style



The fashion explorer

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this season, it should be you!

One stop to check into before you check out is Ensembles. Their holiday collection is inspired by the art and romance of travel. Says James Reyes, "It's about walking around back streets of cosmopolitan cities. Museums, parks and cobblestone streets. It's about getting lost and finding your way.

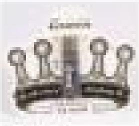
It's the entire overwhelming feeling of excitement, seduction and power when you walk down unfamiliar roads in foreign cities."

Ensembles' image model, actress Carmina Villarroel, sports a super hip short 'do in showcasing the collection. "What I enjoyed in this photo shoot most was the transition of my looks," she says. "I had so much fun having short hair. The last time I had my hair that short was more than 10 years ago. Her favorite piece from the collection is the mustard trench coat, very chic and stylish.

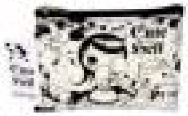
The key to dressing this season is layering. Lay on the colors, fabric and cuts in creative ways for maximum effect. In whatever part of the world you're in—winter wonderland or summer in suburbia, or even just a landscape in your mind, you're flying fashion first class.

E-mail the author at [illegible]

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Fashion Ensembles
Makeup Robbie Pinera
Hair Raymond Santiago









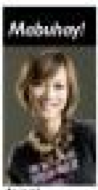






Curiosity spawned the Cat

Two brothers sold millions of a two-dimensional cardboard kitty, and that's how the Blue Q product line was born



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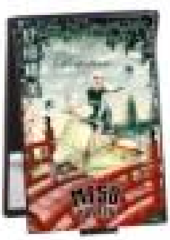


























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International bazaar at PICC

TO PROVIDE A GLIMPSE OF what to expect on the day of the 2007 International Bazaar, the International Bazaar Foundation, Inc. recently organized a mini bazaar at the Dasmariñas Village residence of Pinky Tan-Sotelo.

Guests were delighted at the wide range of products on display, from jewelry, table top knickknacks, wines, dresses, scarves, gourmet food and Belgian beer.

The main bazaar will be held on Nov. 25, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Philippine International Convention Center Forum 1-B, CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay.

It will showcase the merchandise of 40 embassies and nine honorary consulates.

Also present are 112 local retailers will showcase gift items, fashion jewelry, apparel, children's clothes, toys and games, Christmas décor, food and beverage, and household items.

Proceeds from this event will support the various projects of the International Bazaar Foundation, Inc.

Entrance and raffle tickets are now available at the National Bookstore branches in Glorietta, Greenbelt, Ayala Alabang, Rockwell, Market! Market!, Harbour Plaza, Shangri-La Mall and Edsa. Call 8240850 or 8343924.



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ENTERTAINMENT





Reese Witherspoon, legally free

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LOS ANGELES—"THERE ARE days when I feel pretty secure and on other days, I feel very hopeful about life," Reese Witherspoon admitted at one point in a recent interview. [illegible]





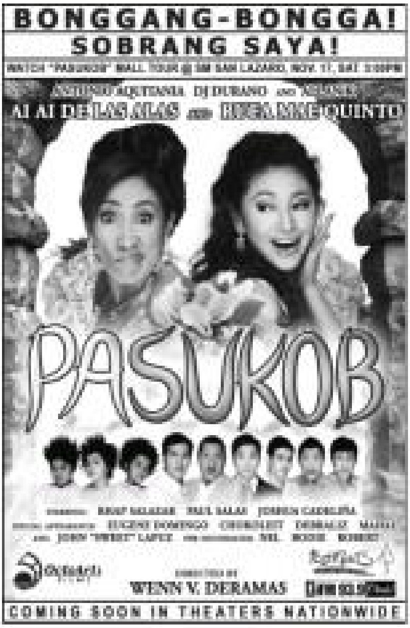






Kidman feared for life in car chase

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DEWEY Bunnell (left) and Gerry Beckley



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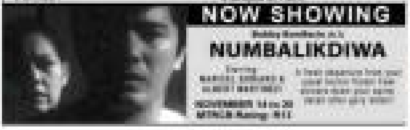
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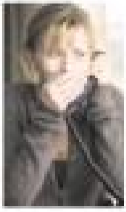
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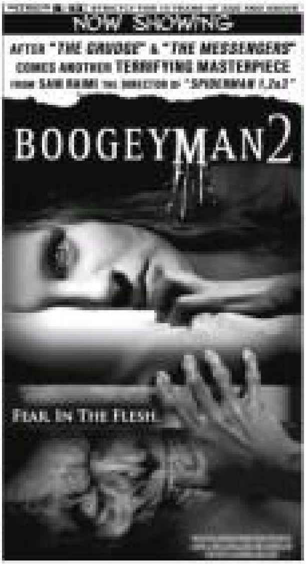
IN "RENDITION," Reese Witherspoon plays the pregnant wife of an Egyptian-American chemical engineer who becomes a victim of the US government's policy of rendition.

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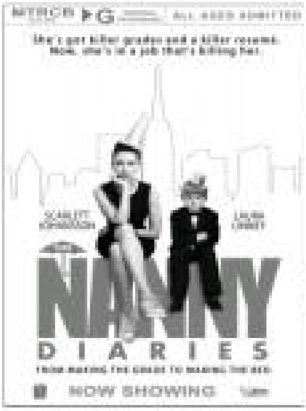
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Show Time

An evening with Nonoy

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The show, conceived to help enlighten the public on the effectiveness of a health supplement for osteoarthritis, will top-bill Zuñiga, a pop singer-doctor who endorses Powee Joints.

Performing with Zuñiga are Jean Rodrigo, Janice Kendricks with the Lucida voices, Eliot Nalley, The Go Girls Dancers and Dr. Perry Tan.

The concert is directed by Bingbong Cabanas, with musical direction by Bob... by Gomez and Rally Llanes.

Roundup

'Beowulf' in 3D format

WARNER Bros.' fantasy adventure "Beowulf," the latest film from director Robert Zemeckis, is being shown at the IMAX Theater of the SM Mall of Asia exclusively in 3D format.

Inspired by the 8th century English epic poem, the film stars led by Ray Winstone, Anthony Hopkins, John Malkovich, Robin Wright Penn, Brendan Gleeson, Crispin Glover, Alison Lohman and Angelina Jolie.

CMMA awardee

DZMM Radyo Patrol and Sais Trenta recently bagged three awards at the 2007 Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA).

The station won the CMMA for Best News Program ("Radyo Patrol Balita"), Best Drama Program ("Mudirah Mo Ba sa DZMM") and Best Children Program or Feature for Radio ("Radyo Negosyo").

Invitational screening

The action film "Hitman," starring Timothy Olyphant, will have an invitational screening tomorrow at Gateway Cinema.

Olyphant stars as Agent 47, a mysterious, complex man of profound contradictions, hired from the world's deadliest criminals, but raised by an ... brotherhood of the Church.

The 20th Century Fox movie, which also stars Dougray Scott, Olga Kurylenko, Robert Knepper, Ulrich Thomsen, Henry Ian Cusick and Michael Offei, is distributed by Warner Bros. and opens on Nov. 28.

Cheer Factor

NEW YORK—THE QUAID twins have arrived. Dennis Quaid and his wife, Kimberly, welcomed Thomas Boone and Zoe Grace on Thursday in Santa Monica, California, the actor's publicist, Cara Tripicchio, said Monday. The couple are the biological parents of the twins, who were born to a surrogate mother. Thomas weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces; his sister weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces. Quaid, 53, has a 15-year-old son, Jack Henry, from his marriage to Meg Ryan. AP







Pinay-Canadian upsets top favorites in Miss Earth '07



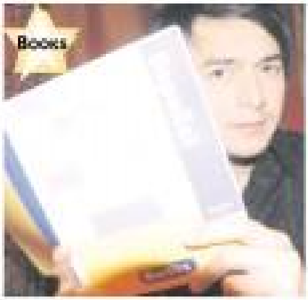
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RITA AVILA



DOMINIC OCHOA

Actor-activist gets humanitarian award for Tibetan work

PHILADELPHIA—RICHARD GERE, WHO has donated time and money to the causes for Tibetan independence and HIV/AIDS now, accepted a prestigious humanitarian award given by the city of Philadelphia.

On Monday, the actor was given the Marian Anderson Award, named after the black American opera singer who achieved international acclaim by the mid-1930s but faced racial segregation at home.

Gere, 58, accepted the honor and its $100,000 honorarium at a gala at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

"I'm not worthy of this award in any way whatsoever," Gere said. "I can't tell you how this makes me feel. My heart is so wide open."



RICHARD Gere AP

Gere was lauded for taking on the dual role of actor and activist before it became fashionable, lending his fame and finances to global issues.

Gere, a Buddhist, has advocated Tibetan independence from Chinese rule since 1978. He co-founded the Tibet House and is board chair of the International Campaign for Tibet.

He established Healing the Divide, a public charity for improving care for HIV/AIDS patients, and a philanthropic foundation bearing his name helps humanitarian organizations.

Anderson became the first black person to perform at the White House in 1939 and the first black soloist at the Metropolitan Opera in New York in 1955. She received the Medal of Freedom in 1963 and died in 1993 at age 96. AP





HIP-HOP artist Wyclef Jean, second from right, and model Petra Nemcova, right, introduce Haiti's poor kids to the computer. AP

Hero of the slums

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti—Hip-hop star Wyclef Jean was given a hero's welcome in one of Haiti's most destitute slums on Monday, riding the shoulders of his cheering countrymen to the site of a small-business project he helped develop.

On his first trip to Haiti since being named a roving ambassador by President Rene Preval in January, the musician met legislators and accompanied Czech model Petra Nemcova to a school in the impoverished neighborhood where he was born.

Jean, who moved to Brooklyn as a young boy, then changed into a pin-striped suit to ask a luncheon crowd of businessmen, the UN envoy and nearly every major foreign ambassador for aid.

"We need all your money, we need all y'all's support, but let's put it to programs — that teach kids how to move the country forward," Jean told dignitaries at a restaurant in the hills above the capital, Port-au-Prince.

In the port slum of Cite Soleil, Jean, who had success as a member of the Grammy-winning group The Fugees and a solo artist, was carried along by a crowd of 2,000 people who yelled his name and danced past bullet-scarred shacks and the noxious smell of open sewers. At one point, Jean bowed his head in silent prayer. AP



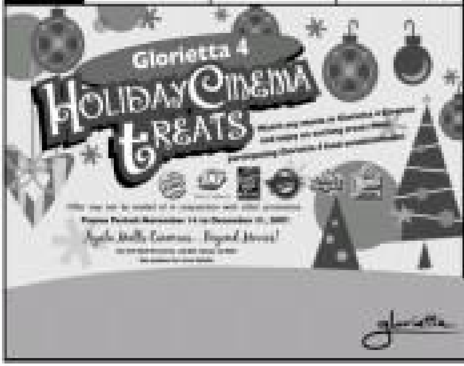


At the Cinemas

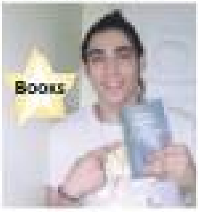
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At the Malls

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Greenbelt	[illegible]
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	[illegible]
Onstage	[illegible]
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	Rhythm Academy [illegible]







MICKEY PEREZ

JULIANE Hoffmann's and Sophie Ziele's first book "Cupido," written in German, is my favorite book. I enjoyed reading it so much that I'm now looking forward to seeing their second book. It's about a lawyer who got raped when she was young and ends up defending a rapist. It's super detailed. It really got me into reading.

Maricel R. Cruz



KRIS BERNAL

I love my bedroom. I'm not comfortable when I sleep in other rooms. I prefer my room because I can really relax there. Plus, my room is a complete package. Everything is there: my TV (flat), laptop, books and stuffed toys. Four years ago I saw the bedroom of Summer (played by actress Rachel Bilson) on the TV show "The OC." I dreamt of having a four-poster bed, too. It looked like the bed of a princess. Then, I found this beautiful bed in the mall. So I immediately bought it with my cash prize from "StarStruck." It was a dream come true for me.

Bayani San Diego Jr.



Keith Urban and wife Nicole Kidman

Country Music Awards in Tennessee



Sheryl Crow (above) and LeAnn Rimes (left)



Carrie Underwood



[illegible]



SHE ASKED kids from Palawan to make this seashell divider.

All that Yas

Yasmien Kurdi has turned her city home into a Palawan getaway

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by [illegible] de la Cruz

AS THE CARPENTER WAS installing bamboo slats on her bedroom's ceiling, "[illegible]" alumna Yasmien Kurdi was crouching on the floor, directing the man's every move.

She admits that she was "hands-on," [illegible]

The idea was to turn her Quezon City home into a Palawan rest house. An urban beach house.

"I love vacationing there," she says of the island paradise. "I go to Palawan to swim, dive and sail."

A Lebanese-Filipino, Yas is a [illegible] water baby.

"When I was young, our house in Kuwait was near the water," she recalls. "I even have a photo where I am swimming with dolphins."

Since work forces her to live in the city, she has chosen to bring the ocean to her home through the decor — filling up the place with mementos from beaches here (Palawan) and abroad (Thailand).

"I asked kids in Palawan to make the seashell curtain divider," she notes.

A framed seashell collection also hangs by the dining area. "It has rare shells. One piece costs P2,000," she relates.

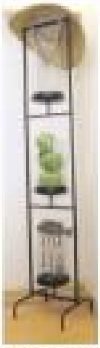
The native curtain dividers (including a playful fish-designed hanging in her bedroom) were bought in Cebu.

Says Yas' mom Mirian: "Every time she comes home from provincial shows, she buys something new for the house."

She also scattered her snapshots all over the house: from the cover of her second CD "Yes, Love is All I Need" to souvenir shots from the set of "[illegible]."

For now, she'll also display a photo from her recent pictorial with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (Peta).

Yas is a staunch vegetarian and animal rights' activist.



BEACH memento in the hallway

Displayed in the living room is a sungka (a Filipino game played with seashells, of course) that she found in [illegible].

"I also got the native sala set from [illegible]," she recounts.

A prized find is the [illegible] by the stairs. "It was on sale at the [illegible] place. It was originally priced at P30,000, but I got it for only P5,000," she says with pride.

Even the pocket garden on the second floor hews closely to the beach theme.

Mom Mirian filled the garden with flowering plants and vines. "I want it to look like a rainforest."

Yas describes the home's design concept as "halo-halo."

Very eclectic, the interior is a mix of native pieces and Chinese antiques from her great grandmother.

On the second floor is a black mahjong table with matching armoire where she keeps her awards and trophies — from Little Miss Philippines [illegible].

In her bedroom, she also displayed gifts from friends and fans — like a mother-of-pearl inlaid baul (wooden chest) from Sultan Kudarat.

"It was a present from a local politician. She loved the fact that I know how to speak Arabic," Yas says.

A well-traveled friend also gave her a jewelry box shaped like Africa. "It came from South Africa and the keys of the box is the country Kenya."

"Originally, our house only had two floors," Mirian recalls. "When we had it renovated, we added an attic as her bedroom."

Make that bedroom-slash-gym.

"I decided to put a treadmill and stationary bike in my room," Yas says.

When she jogs in UP Diliman, autograph and snapshot-hungry fans follow her around, mom explains.

"In her room, she can do anything she wants, like singing and dancing on her own," Mirian says.

The house is meant as a haven of relaxation.

"But when I look out of my bedroom window, I see not the ocean, but the [illegible] building," Yas jokes.

Still, she considers her home a mini-resort retreat.

"The living room window used to face a blank wall," Yas recounts. "At first, I wanted to install fake water falls there. My mom suggested that we put in trees and bromeliads instead."

She loved mom's idea because it completes the soothing beach house ambience.

"When it rains outside, I can still hear the water falls effect," Yas quips.



DOLPHIN lamp and magazines displayed on the bedside reading table.



FRAMED collection of shells hangs in the dining area.



INDUSTRY awards and school medals share space in the antique Chinese armoire.



FLORAL stained glass design on her bathroom door is a personal choice.



SALAKOT is from Palawan.



HER MOM turned the second-floor terrace into a pocket garden.



BEDROOM leads to a terrace teeming with potted plants.



MOTHER-of-pearl inlaid chest is a gift from a Sultan Kudarat politician.



FOUNTAIN adds a touch of serenity to the pocket garden.



VIBRANT bedspread and fish ceramic decor add color to the resort theme.



DAILY workout on the treadmill and stationary bike keeps her fit.